Rome Sep 30. 1865

My dear Tom

I had the delight to hear from my daughter Eleanor the happy news of your dear Emma's marriage, & I have no words to express my gratification for I have always regarded her as one of my own dear children her talents, her goodness, her charming manners & her beauty remain in my memory vividly & I am sure all these fine qualities, will be

appreciated by her excellent husband
who Eleanor tells me has a good
employment at Liverpool

I shall now at my 1st leisure
moment search Rome for something
pretty as my gift to so dear a bride
& will in 2ll pen my letter of congra
tulation to her self — Meanwhile
you'll tell her from me that all
this is coming

As my despatch bag was stolen
at Foraicate, with its numerous
documents & 5 English letters I
conclude one from you may have

been in the number or I feel you would be sure to tell me that what would give such happiness

How I hope that for so dear a brother this may be the first step to some good fortune for as we have thought that our fates were so much alike, so now I am jealous of having the good things all on my side & would like that we should ballance, so that in losing your letter I am disturbed—

This letter by was (is thought) maliciously stolen by the Pope's Zouave troop who with the Pope accuse me of writing a

I have now been here nearly 5 years & confess that my active life is well suited to me & that nothing could have turned up considering how I was troubled to make a happy finale to my life like these two Consulates of England & Italy - People complain that I am paid so little by the B. Govt but I dont complain as I know that all will be brought down to my scanty salary by my Lord McGladstone who will be the better pleased that I dont complain - Now do write me another pleasant letter like your last.

Your loving brother Joe